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THE STATUS OF WORKING GROUP ON CONSOLIDATION OF D-40 AND D-45

I. D-45 - NSC 158 - June 29, 1953

a. June 26, President directed that implementation by all appropriate Executive departments and agencies of U. S. Government be made under the coordination of PSB.

b. There is no time limit on paper. Phase I calls for initiation within 60 days. Phase II requires lengthy preparation but has no time limit on it.

II. On September 2, PSB took following action: "The Board concurred in the State Department proposal for merging the PSB D-40 and D-45 working groups and drafting a revised combined paper."

a. State Department's basic recommendation was that the two groups be merged and "the preparation of a new PSB paper covering the entire field of the psychological exploitation of Soviet Orbit weaknesses, it being understood that details will be worked out on a staff level for subsequent approval in PSB itself."

III. OCS has determined PSB assignments are valid until determined otherwise.

IV. Conclusion:

That the consolidation group has a valid basis for continuing its work as originally directed, until the Board rescinds the pertinent decisions taken under PSB.

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